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December 28, 2020

#### Via ECF

The Honorable Lois Bloom United States District Court Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: Express Freight Systems, Inc. v. YMB Enterprises, Inc., et al. Case No. 20-cv-00186 (ARR) (LB)

Dear Judge Bloom:

As you know, we represent plaintiff Express Freight Systems, Inc. ("Plaintiff") in the above action. Given Your Honor's prior instruction to advise the Court of any discovery disputes, I am writing to request a conference call to address defendant's counsel's attempts at preventing defendant YMB Enterprises Inc.'s ("YMB's") representative's deposition scheduled for tomorrow, December 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. As can be seen in the email exchange with defendant's counsel attached hereto, defendant's counsel suggests that the deposition cannot take place because (a) defendant's representative only has access to a cell phone and cannot view documents shared on Zoom, which is simply not believable given that defendant surely has computers from which it operates its business, (b) I have not first supplied counsel with documents on which I may question defendant, which is not a requirement whether the deposition is in person or via Zoom, and (c) the notice to take deposition does not sufficiently state with reasonable particularity the matters for examination, despite the fact that this witness was identified by defendant in its answers to interrogatories as the only company representative with knowledge of the facts of this case and the notice to take deposition seeks to question the witness about the subject matter of this straight forward breach of contract case.

As we do not wish to become entangled in defendant's counsel's shenanigans, we would respectfully request a conference call with the Court as soon as possible so that we can proceed with taking this deposition without further delay.

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Respectfully submitted,

FEITLIN, YOUNGMAN, KARAS & GERSON, L.L.C.
/S/ Jonathan Ettman
Jonathan M. Ettman, Esq.

cc: Levi Huebner, Esq. (via email) Express Freight Systems, Inc. (via email)

### Jonathan M. Ettman, Esq.

From:

Jonathan M. Ettman, Esq.

Sent:

Monday, December 28, 2020 2:37 PM

To:

Levi Huebner Esq

**Subject:** 

RE: 12/29/2020; Express Freight Systems, Inc. v YMB Enterprises, Inc., et al.; Assignment

No. 4374837; Status: Scheduled

Levi:

I did not hang up on you, you did on me. Nor did I hurl a single adjective. Do not try and twist this.

To reiterate what I said to you in my email and on the phone, I am not required to produce documents ahead of the deposition whether the deposition is in person or via Zoom. I also do not believe for a second that your client does not have access to a computer to participate in Zoom and allow him to review documents shared on the screen. He is a company representative; he can use a company computer. I am certain that YMB has computers. I view your email as just another attempt by you to delay this matter and harass my client.

Again, please confirm that you will be producing your client tomorrow and that your client will be prepared to answer questions concerning the subject matter of this litigation and will be able to view documents shared on Zoom. If I do not a receive a simple "yes" from you by 3:00 today, I will presume you are not producing your client and I will seek appropriate relief.

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Dear Mr. Ettman:

Thank you for the brief call before you decided to hang up and dictate that you are calling the Court. I am happy to have a discussion. However, it is inappropriate for you to hurdle adjectives.

I attempted in Good Faith to resolve an issue, however, you decided to avoid resolution and cut the call short.

You chose to take a virtual deposition rather than an in person deposition. That does not give Plaintiff free reign to hurdle obstacles to a productive deposition. Regardless, of timing of production, of Exhibits, you have failed to furnish a suitable means of furnishing exhibits of which both counsel and client may view same.

Your semantic distinction of "notice" and "subpoena" does not change the rule that pursuant to FRCP 30 (B) (6) "Before or promptly after the **notice** or **subpoena** is served, the serving party and the organization must confer in good faith about the matters for examination.

Without exhibits, or means to view same, and without having "described with reasonable particularity the matters for examination" the issue is only compounded.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please feel free to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Very truly yours, Levi Huebner

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Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 2:08 PM

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See my responses below in red.

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From: Levi Huebner Esq < newyorklawyer@msn.com>

Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 1:58 PM

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Subject: 12/29/2020; Express Freight Systems, Inc. v YMB Enterprises, Inc., et al.; Assignment No. 4374837; Status:

Scheduled

Dear Mr. Ettman:

Please be advised that Plaintiff has not furnished Marked Exhibits which Plaintiff intends to use during the deposition scheduled for tomorrow. Regarding tomorrow's scheduled deposition, my client only has a cell phone which is not suitable for document review. I am not required to produced documents prior to the deposition. This is no different than if we held the deposition in person. I do not accept that your client who works for a carrier only has a cell phone to view Zoom. If you have a rule or law that requires pre-deposition production of potential exhibits then by please advise of same.

Pursuant to FRCP 30 (B) (6) the subpoena "must describe with reasonable particularity the matters for examination." Unfortunately, the Subpoena does not indicate with any particularity the matter which Plaintiff seeks to examine my client. I did not serve a subpoena, but rather a notice to a party, and the subject matter is stated. Any claim otherwise is disingenuous and nothing but a tactic to delay and harass my client.

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Moreover, I contacted Veritext and they informed me that they have not been furnished with any exhibits. I am not required to produce the exhibits prior to the deposition.

Thus, at this juncture, unless Plaintiff intends on proceeding without exhibits, the deposition does not seem feasible. Furthermore, it does not seem practicable for my client to proceeded without having been "described with reasonable particularity the matters for examination." If you are not intending on producing your client tomorrow, please indicate now so I can seek appropriate relief.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please feel free to contact the undersigned with any questions.

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From: Jonathan M. Ettman, Esq. < jettman@fykglaw.com>

Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 10:30 AM

To: Levi Huebner Esq < newyorklawyer@msn.com>

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See the email below for the zoom link for tomorrow.

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